TED POWELL ... 'challenge'

TED ACCEPTS MALAWI JOB

TED POWELL, the Wycombe Wanderers manager who was sacked by the club last week, has accepted the job of National Coach of Malawi, South Africa, subject to the final terms of his contract.

It was Mr Powell's application for the job that brought about his dismissal. Wycombe felt that at this stage of the season, they could not afford to wait and see if he was successful in obtaining the post. They have appointed John Reardon, assistant to Brian Lee and Ted Powell, as manager until the end of the season.

Mr Powell insists that his decision to accept the £10,000 a year post in Malawi was not influenced by his sacking. He said: "This is a big challenge for me and I am thoroughly looking forward to it."

Ted will honour his contract at Sutton Manor High School where he is a games master and then leave for Malawi in August or September. He faces a difficult task as he will be starting from scratch with the players who are all part-time.

Malawi compete in African competitions, the Olympic Games and also the World Cup. Among Ted's duties will be the organisation of coaching from youth development upwards.